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ABSTRACT

This report documents the internal deficiencies encountared in providing ADCOM support to NASA for the first Orbitel Flight Test. Arosa covared include training, exercises, software support, semester support, comm support, future support responsibilities, and negotiations for OFT-2 support. Specific actions with suggested OFRs are provided es en eld in providing support for future Shuttle flights. The report concludes that the ADCOM support provided for OFT-1 met or exceeded NASA requirements.

INTRODUCTION

BACKGROUND

1. In December 1980, ADCOM/J-5 completed negotiations with NASA to provide support for the first flight of the Space Transportation System, Orbital Plight Teat-1 (OFT-1). A formal requirements letter was signed and at that time responsibility for supporting OFT-1 was passed to ADCOM/J-3. ADCOM/J-3X was responsible for publishing a CINCAD OFLAN 90 days prior to the first flight and ADCOM/J-3Y was responsible for providing support to include publication of a detailed CINCAD Emplementation Plan prior to the first flight.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to formally document the ADCOM support provided for OFT-1 and to identify actions required prior to the next flight, OFT-2.

DESCRIPTION

3. ADCOM support to GFT-1 is described in general terms in CINCAD Space Shuttle Support OFLAN 3410-81, Mar 1981 (OFLAN). A detailed description of ADCOM support to include specific crew actions is contained in CINCAD Space Shuttle Support Implementation Flan 3410-81, Feb 1981 (IPEAN).

SCOPE

 The scope of this report covers the initial negotiations of the requirements with NASA, the publication of the OPIAN and the IPLAN, the support provided during CPT-1 from 12 to 16 Apr 81, and the subsequent support provided for the post-flicht analysis.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

GENERAL

5. The development and oxecution of AUCOH support for OFF-1 was an evolutionary and learning process which will be discussed in detail in the following sections. It is important to remember that the primary purpose of this report is to identify actions and procedures to be taken to prepare for OFF-2, not, through hindsight, to identify shortcomings in the development of the support provided for OFF-1. The fundamental concept of operations was to use operational SPADOC crews to provide support to NASA rather than using a "tiger team" concept. Without oxception, from NASA's viewpoint, the ADCOM support provided throughout the 54% hour flight of the Columbia by the SPADOC crews was flawless.

OPERATIONS PLAN (OPEAN)

6. The support required for OTT-1 consisted of providing timely Computation of Miss Setween Orbits (CONSO), Tracking and Impact Prediction (TIP) of the External Tank (ET) and the Orbits Vehicle (OV), and backup Early Orbit Occentination (EDDET). The OFLAN was satisfactory in describing these actions and assigning reaponsibilities to insure proper preparation to provide this support. Since the mission profile for OFT-2 will be very similar to that of OTT-1, no changes to the OFLAN are anticipated. There was, however, difficulty emocuntered in the tirety publication of the OFLAN. (The OFLAN was distributed approximately one week prior to OFT-1.) Recommend that any future changes to the OFLAN be published and distributed as soon as possible prior to the affected flight.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (IPLAN)

7. The IPLAN was published and distributed approximately 60 days prior to OFT-1. It contained a datailed chronological sequance of events and erow actions, a list of responsibilities by agancy and ercw position, and a series of contingency checklists. The format of the IPLAN was satisfactory and should be followed for future flights. A new IPLAN should be published following a similar format as soon as the mission profile for OFT-2 is firm and the OFT-2 requirements have been negotiated. This plan should then be distributed to appropriate agencies within ADCOH, to all sensors involved, to HQ SAC, to DDMS, to NASA Centers, and one copy to each SPADOC craw rember. Since this plan affects only ACCOM support, it is necessary to coordinate tha plan with agencies only within ADCOM. Specifically, the IPLAN should be written by J-3Y, coordinated with J-5D, J-5C, J-5Y, J-36, J-3F, J-3Z, J-3X, J-3J, J-3T, J-3V and J-31A through E, and approved by J-31 for publication. A separate IPLAN will be published for each of the Orbital Flight Tosts (OFT-) through OFT-S) and then a generic form of this plan will be published as an annex to the OPLAY. For subsequent operational flights of the Space Transportation System (STS), this generic implementation plan will scree as a guide to ADCOM crows.

TRAINING

8. Prior to OFT-1 all crews participated in ADCOM simulated OFT-1 mission exercises. There were two OFT-1 mission seemarios developed. First, a normal mission with no contingencies and, second, a scenario with an ET overspeed coatingency. Each orew participated at least once in each scenario. Additionally, ADCOM was a scripted player in

two NASA-directed full-minsion simulations. Prior to OFT-1 all cream were evaluated and certified operationally ready. Four main areas need to be emphasized in future crew training in preparation for OFT-2.

a. First, additional training is necessary in receiving data from the Johnson Space Center (JSC).

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It was very

apparent during OFT-1 that one crew had practiced this procedure extensively and was well prepared. Other crews, however, had difficulty receiving and manipulating these data.

- b. Second, crews need practice in communicating with NNSA both over the voice line and the Data Speed 40 Telecype. Extensive practice using those systems should be incorporated in crew training immediately.
- c. Third, some crow members had only a cursory knowledge of the actions required by the IPLAN. It appeared that individual erew knowledge of the OFT-1 profile and required SCC actions was a function of the leadership provided by the Space Surveillance Controller, rather than by any standards established by J-3T and J-3V. For future Shuttle support, it is vital that J-3T, J-3V, and the Command Directors set high standards of performance and insist that the crew's meet those standards.
- d. Finally, it would be helpful if all erew members were given a briefing of the total support provided to MASA by all agencies. This briefing would explain the role and scope of NASA sensors, ARIS

support, DDMS support, ESMC support, and ADCOM support. Recommend J-37 develop an overview Shuttle support briefing and include it in all training for MM, CP, and SPADOC crew personnel.

It is important for future Shuttle flights that personnel from J-Jy, J-JT, and J-JY work closely together to insure that the Grows are trained and evaluated on the most current shuttle mission profile with the most current procedures.

EXERCISES

9. After the crew training program has been updated with the recommendations suggested in paragraph & above, shuttle support activities should be included in routine in-house exercises within the CP, SPADOG, MKC, and tha SCC. These exarcises should be conducted at least onco a weak. In add.tion, ADCON ahould be a player in as many NASA mission exercises as possible.

CREW SUPPORT

10. The rasults of ADCOM support to OFT-1 validates the concept to use unaugmented crews to augment shuttle operations. Although there were times during the 5% hour flight whan day-staff personnel provided guidance, it was clear that the operational craws are capable of providing the necessary support. Additional training is necessary (pars %) and changas must be made to the 427% software (pars 11), but there will be no reason to augment the crews as Shuttle flights become more routine. For the Orbital Plight Test phase (OFT-1 through OFT-5), however, it is advisable to augment the SPACOC crews with qualified personnel from 3-3% during critical phases of each OFT flight. Once this phase is completed and a generic implementation

plan is edded to the OFLAW (pare 7), then sugmentees should no longer be necessary. Devalopment of separete orew checklists to support Shuttls flights is not recommended at this time. For the next four flights, the IFLAW will serve as a guide to crews of the sequence of events and any contingency actions. Actions lisease in the IFLAW are already established as routise procedures few the crew.

SOFTWARE SUPPORT !

11. Several software deficiencies were noted prior to and during OFT-1. These deficiencies were overcome by worksrounds but resulted in unnecessary delays in processing deta and a high-level of operator frustration. It became apparent during OFT-1 that ADCOM would experience difficulty in processing data and providing contingency support to any quick-resotion MARA requirements during a Shuttle anotally. Nine PRDs and two DRs have been submitted to correct these deficiencies (see Atth A). It is importative that these PRDs and DRs are completed prior to OFT-2.

SENSOR SUPPORT

212. Support by the SFADATS eamoure during OFF-1 wee commendate.

Sixteen element sets were published from SFADATS observations. Two
problems, however, were identified during the flight. First, obsefrom NAWSFASUA for the OFF-1 (object 12359) were not processed by
the 427% system. Second, sithough sensors were tasked to obtain
only three date points on each pass, this tasking was exceeded frequently. Since NASA was concerned with potential electromagnetic
interference (EMI) from SFADATS sensors, this additional trecking
to of_concern. 3-15 is currently working both these problems (eee
Atch 8). These problems should be corrected prior to OFF-2.

ASCC AND BCP SUPPORT

13. Support provided by the Alternete Space Computation Center (AGCC) at Eplin AFS and the MAYSPASUR Backup Computation Feelility (AGC) at Eplin AFS and the MAYSPASUR Backup Computation Feeling (CET) at Debligren, Va. consisted of running in parallel operations throughout the duretion of OFT-1. Both feelilities provided shedow from these progress to the SCC. The SCT provided prizary computational backup support and the ASCC provided prizary computational backup support and the ASCC provided prizary command and control backup support was required. No problems were cional and no backup support was required. No problems were concurred in the implementation of parallel operations with the ASCC and the SCT. A complete snalysie of the COMMO and TIP support provided by the ASCC and the SCT is currently being conducted by J-16. A complete snalysie of the COMMO and TIP support provided by J-16 by 15 Jun 81. (CC) (1).

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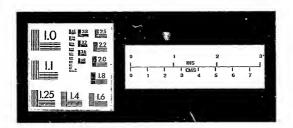
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COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT

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15. Comminications support consisted of the following olicuits between the SCC and JSC:

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The volce circuit was designed to have a monitor capability of the MARA Flight Director, Cap Come, and Flight Dynamics loops; however, this feature did not work. A squark box was installed over the Orbital Analyst Lieder's console so that SCC personnel could monitor the volce circuit. The prisery problem with the shopt down circuit was the lack of reliable response; it was easy for the RUAN crew personnel to turn down the volume during peak periods and then subsequently forget to turn it back up. This action rendered the circuit effectively inoperative from the SCC chd. In addition, RUAN personnel were unfastillar with the 65 and frequently were-unable to transit over this circuit. For future flights, J-Yr has requested the following changes to the current

- a. Changs the about down voice circuit to a ring down circuit keeping the SCC squark box.
- Add the JSC ring down circuit to the SST and SOT consoles in the SCC (keep the current connections to the OaL, SEC, and SVO consoles).
 - c. Install a separate, dedicated, monitor-only telephone

circuit with speaker to the Flight Director, Cop Comm, Flight Dynamics and Comm/Nav concels: at JSC.

SCC CROWD CONTROL

16. Just prior to lemach, the SCC door look combination was changed and a notice was pested limiting scores to personnal descrity invaded with Shuttle support. Since the Launch occurred on a weekend, creek control was not a problem until the reentry on 14 April. The difficulty was that there was no accessible talevision monitor swillable to watch the coverage of the reentry other than in the SCC. Supervisors ware rainctant to turn people away from this historic swant, swen though the SCC became a little overcrowded. For future flights, recommend that TV monitors be made swaitable in the dining hall or some other accessible location within the NCC.

HISSILE WARNING SUPPORT

17. The Missils Marning crew provided the communications link between the SCC and the SRCs sites. This arrangement was satisfactory and should continue for future flights. The reentry of the Orbitar Vehicls generated, the appropriate response from the Missile Marning network and was handled seconding to routine procedures. No changes to those procedures are required for subsequent Shrttls flights.

RADAR RESTRICTIONS

- 18. Shortly prior to the OFT-1 2light, NASA imposed the following radar restrictions:
- So tracking with the Eglin phased-erray radar during launch or resetty.

- b. No trecking with 55 | Kwejelein, Milletone or Reyeteck reders.
- c. No dual-fees trecking with the PAVE PAVE phased-erray redare.

Since the leunch and reshtry were not in Eglin's coverage and the software in PAVE PANS proclude dual-feet tracking, the only impact of this restriction was to limit b5 from providing footr and normal STADARS tracking (Rwejalain, Milletons and Heyetack are not normally used in t: STADARS network). The Orbitar was cetalogued es SCC object 12399 and 16 elements were published. There were no problems encountered in maintenings the Orbitar through sole use of SCC observations. The actual validity and impact of the NASA-imposed reder restriction is currently being worked by J-32 (see Atchs B).

DATA FLOW BETWEEN SCC AND JSC

19. With the use of the AUTODIN circuit, data such as COMO results, were passed directly to JSC through messages generated by the 427M system. On the other hand, data (primarily inter-range vectors) passed from JSC to the SCC wate passed by voice and then manually entered into the 427M system. This form of data transmission is elsow, arward, and error-prome. MMA rejected the idea of passing data via the b5 because it would entail at least two panial operations and physically running the data to enother, distant location. Attempts should be made with NSGA to surmonate the transmission of this data outputer-to-computer via AUTODIN. Considering the number of planned Sta flights, this is the only practical long

term solution to the problem. For OFF-2, every effort should be made to expedite the flow of data from JEC to the SCC.

CONTINGENCY SUPPORT

20. The only contingency that arese during OFF-1 was not covered to the IPLAN, however, cree response was cetisfactory. MARA, through C4D, requested special empired support by Air Force sensors. As coversees easons was recalled by the 5Ct to provide this support. Eplin wes tasked to chizan at least 11 obe on the next OF pass to insure that an electron electron set was parced to the appropriate sensors. This coortingency was handled very well by the 5CC crev and one day-staff augmentee. It could have been also accomplished by the 5CC crev atoms.

FUTURE SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITIES

21. One of the problems encountered in providing support to WAN for Offit was a fragmentation and a lack of definition of responsibilities during the initial phases of developing this support. The result was fragment and deplicating communications with WANA officiels and other spacies. To correct this problem, J-TX, J-TX and j-50 have agreed to the following division of responsibilities for OFF-2:

a. 3-30 will be the primary OFF for OFF-2 until completion of the required planning actions. As such, 3-30 will set up the nacessary meetings with JGC to negotiate the requirements for OFF-2. Representatives from J-3t and J-3Y will ettend this neeting. After completion of the required planning actions J-50 will be kept tightly in the loop during all phases of ADCON support for OFF-2 to ensure J-5 continuity throughout the STS program.

- b. J-1Y will become primary OPR upon completion of required planning actions and formal transfer of responsibility from J-3 to J-1, J-1Y will publish e new 1PLAM, chair an OFF-2 Support Working Group, and be responsible for all direct communications and interfaces with NAMA and FPD.
- J-32 will be responsible for all communications and interfaces with the sensors, the ASCC, the SCT, DDMS, and ESMC at Patrick ATS.

MEGOTIATIONS FOR OFT-2 SUPPORT

- During the negotistions with JEC for ADCOM support for GPT-2, particular stantion should be given to the following aress:
- e: A specific, validated need for imposed gadar restrictions should be discussed and resolved as soon as possible. There is swidenes that the initial restriction for OFF-1 was too conservative. J-18 currently working this problem.
- b. All negotieted support requirements should be validated egainst the actual mission profile: [For OFF-1, it was questionable if EDDET support could have been provided prior to EMSA rev 2, even if Diyarbakir had been allowed to track.]
- c. Negotietions abould include discussions of specing the data flow from USC to the SCC, improving the voice commitments, and requirements for post-mission snalyeis (specifically, requirements to analyse the ET reentry).

CONCLUSIONS

23. ACCM emport provided to JSC for OFT-1 met or exceeded all the requirements requested by RASA. The concept of providing the support as a routice crew function was velidated. Support for the remaining Orbital Flight Teets (IFT-2 through OFT-5) should follow the same scenario as that provided for OFT-1.

RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTIONS

- 24. The following summary of recommendations and actions is provided to sid in preparation for OTT-2. Suggested OFFs are added to facilitate completion of the actions. Paragraph references are made to body of the report for a more detailed discussion. Recommendations are made acquantially as they appear in the report, rether than by priority.
 - a. Changes to OPLAN should he timely (pera 6): J-3%.
 - b. Format of IPLAN should be kept (pers 7): J-3Y.
- c. New IPLAN should be published for each Orbital Flight Test (para 7); J-37.
- d. Each IPLAN should be coordinated with agencies within ADCOM (para 7): J-3Y.
- e.* A generic IPLAN should be incorporated as ennex to OPLAN for flights subsequent to OFT-5 (pers 7): J-3Y, J-3X.
- Additional training required in receiving resitine data from JSC (mars 3a): J-3T.
 - Miditional training required on voice procedures and b5
 [uso (page 8b): J-JT.
- h. Crew members must be required to know material in IPLAN (para 8c): J-3T, J-3V, J-31A through E.
 - 1. Overview Shuttle support briefing required (pers 8d): J-3T.
- In-house exercises of Shuttle support for CP, NM, SPANCC, and SCC creve necessary (nars 9): J-NT.
- k. ADCOM should play in all NASA mission exercises (pars 9): J-3Y, J-3T.

- applice organs should be sugmented for each flight through OFT-8 (page 10): J-3Y.
- No orew augmentation required for operation Shuttle flights subsequent to OFT-5 (pers 10): no action.
- n. Development of separate crew checklists for Shuttle suppert not necessary at this time (para 10); no action.
- o. Software modifications identified in Atch A should be modified prior to GFT-2 (pare 11): J-3Y, J-3P, J-65,
- p. Sensor problems of exceeding tasking must be corrected (para 12): J-3s.
- q. Problem of non-processing of MAVSPASUR obs for GFT-1 must be corrected (pers 12): J-38.
- r. A complete analysis of COMBO and TIP programs of the SCC, the ASCC and the BCF should be completed and documented (pare 13):
- SEES special support capability should be upgraded (para 14): J-370.
- t. Change shout down circuit to ring down circuit (pars 15s): J-3Y, J-6CT.
- u. Add the USC ring down circuit to SST and SOT consoles (para 15b): J-3T, J-6CT.
 - v. Install separate monitor circuit (para 15c): J-3r, J-6CT.
- w. Make TV monitors available to NCMC personnel during Shuttle operations (para 16): J-JT.
- x. he changes to M procedures necessary for Shuttle operations (para 17): no action.
- y. Resolve the NASA-imposed radar restrictions prior to OFF-2 (pare 18c and pare 22s): 3-32.

- Expedite the flow of data from JSC to the SCC (para 19): J-3Y.
 - aa. J-3Y is primery OPR for OPT-2 (para 21s): J-3Y.
- bb. J-3Y is responsible for all interface with MASA and PTD (pars 21s): J-3Y.
- oc. J-31 is responsible for all interface with sensors. ASCC, ECF, DOWS, and ESMC (pers 21b): J-31.
- dd. J-5D will set up first meating with JSC for OFT-2 (para Ziel: J-5D.
- ee. Validate all support requirements (pars 22b): J-5D, J-3T, J-3E,
- ff. Include speeding data flow, improving comm, and specific post-mission analysis in initial negotiations for OFT-2 support (para 220): J-5D, J-3Y, J-3Y.

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J-356 LETTER ON SENSOR SUPPORT AND SADAR RESTRICTIONS

NORTH AMERICAN AIR SEPENSE CONMAND

28 April 1981



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- 1. A post-Shottle review meeting has revealed that there are several embetions recarding SPADATS sensor suspect of STS-1.
- a. Seasors sporredically exceeded 10 MOMBO backing instructions. The following messages is positioned by conquested that sensors do not exceed the leviad tasking; NG NGABA/7-DTE DTG 11/2345% Apr 21, NG NGABA/7-DTE DTG 11/2345% Apr 21, NGABA/7-DTG 11
- (1) 20MMS arounded tasking on three out of four passes, twice by as such as 18 abservations. The FFS-35 provided 21 obs on a pass for shich SCC requested only 12-15 obs.
 - (2) Otis exceeded tasking on five out of tan passes.
- (s) Twice Otis tracked the Shuttle as a UCT and obtained 30 obs both times.
- (b) Three of the times Otis tracked the Shottle as a known edjacet, tasking was exceeded by at least three observations.
 - (3) Beals exceeded tasking on four out of 11 passes
- (a) Seals tracked the Shottle as a UCT three times and obtained 14, 17, and 17 obs, respectively.
- (b). On one track tagged as a known object, Beale obtained 18 observations.
- (4) Antiqua exceeded MORAD tasking on three out of nine passes. This is not of major concern since Antiqua tasking is ultimately the responsibility of STR.
- (5) N/J-3EC will research the reason why the above sensors exceeded NORAD tasking instructions.
- b. Unfamiliarity with a 200% procedure which is used during samed space Launches resulted in SCC confusion during lift-off, The FPS-%5 has fourinely restricted redar transferion from T-20 seconds through T-70 seconds. This is an FPS-%5 setty precaution

apainst possible interference with the launch vehicle telemetry during lift-off, This procedure is not a checklist item nor is it included in JONET operating Instructions, 90 seconds of countine does not degrade the FFs-85 system. Downtime must exceed two minutes to constitute redime,

(1) The ASCC received approval from Missile Warning et 12/11558 Apr 81 for 90 seconds of downtime. HM initials era DF or DG.

(2) ASCC informally coordinated this precedure on 10 April 81 ever the TTY with the mid shift SCC SSC and 380 on duty.

(3) M/J-3EC will ensure 2008% manned launch procedures allow flexibility for Shuttle Launches and do not involve unnecessary downtime.

c. PANE PANE tracked the Shuttle as a UCT.

(1) Otis trecked the Shuttle as e UCT twice. On 104/ 10293 Otis obtained 30 observations, all tegged es UCT 90192 and 90193. The 20th oh was tegged correctly ee 12399.

(2) Beals tracked the Shuttle as a UCT three times. In two sats of UCT observations the Shuttle was correctly tagged once. This was the last ob of each set.

(3) M/J-32C will research the reasons why the Shuttle was intermittantly tracked as a UCT and why some UCT tracks had a correct object number tag.

d. EAVSFASOR observetions were not received at the SCC until they were retransmitted vie FIASH precedence upon SCC request.

(3) The Shuttle was initially tracked ee a UCT. KNYSPAUR did a correlation and nameally retarged the one with 1239 prior to transmission to Std. The manual retar sequined a subsequent change to the checkent value. This was not done which resulted in a chackens error. No meaners into the problem continues.

(2) N/J-170 will continue coordination with MAVSPASUR to essure this problem down not repur.

 N/J-ISC is preparing a package to NASA which will include the following:

A. An SCC PASCHED in order that MASA can determine if MORAD sensor rediation may here affacted the Shuttle.

b. Radiation analysic done by 20085 (20005 message DRG -02/2252 Apr 81), SAI, and Coloredo Springe General Electric on SPADARS radars for NASA consideration to determine which sensors may be utilized during future shuttle missions.

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 a query regarding the possibility of scheduling tests to measure the effect, if any, of suspect MORAD sensors on a future Shuttle flight.

2. Direct questions to Lt Hinkle, Chidler extension 6277.

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